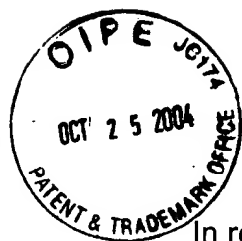


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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: October 25, 2004

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, and in response to the personal interview conducted October 21, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows: